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REMARKS

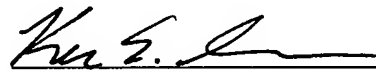
Claims 1-16, 19-21, 23-35, and 37 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 19, 20, 21, 26, and 31 being independent. Claim 31 is amended and claim 38 is cancelled. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-16, 19-21, 23-30, 33-35, and 37, and the Examiner's indication that claim 38 is allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 31 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 38, and canceled claim 38. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, if there are any charges or credits, please apply them to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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